



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH
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ON WURUNDJERI COUNTRY



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Our parish is committed to the Safety, Wellbeing and Dignity of all, including children and vulnerable adults.

LITURGY TIMES: AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Saturday 5.30pm - Sunday Mass
Sunday 8.30am
Sunday 10.30am
11.45am - Baptism
Wednesday 9.30am - Mass
11.00am - Funeral-
Raymond Cabral
Thursday 9.30am - Mass
Friday 9.30am - Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am - 10.30am St Anne's Church

Parish Priest: Rev Denis Stanley
Assistant Priest: Rev Jossey
Kizhakkethalackal
Deacon: Rev Stephen Fernandes
Pastoral Assoc: Sr Jose Noy RSJ
Safeguarding Officer: Elena Rodrigues
St Anne's School: 8746 6800
Principal:
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

28 JULY 2024

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Kings 4:42-44
Psalms Response: Ps: 144:10-11, 15-18
Second Reading: Eph 4:1-6
Gospel Acclamation: Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared
among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:1-15

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Agatha CHAVES, Tony CREED,
John DELLAMARTA, Paul FANNING,
Cesar GABALES, Diana MASTRAMICO,
Matthew PALSER, Karen RANKIN,
Dawn WESTWOOD, Daniel ZAMMIT

Recently Deceased: Jacinta CANTWELL
Orlando FLORES, Raymond CABRAL

Anniversaries: Maria AIOSSA,
Isabelle FERNANDO, John KILKENNY

Parish Vision: Christlike relationships of friendship and faith, valuing one another and sharing our gifts for the good of all.

On Thanksgiving Campaigns

Let me throw a stone into the pond and consider the ripples it creates.

Our Parish Finance committee takes seriously the financial sustainability of our parish. They keep an eye on the week-by-week accounts. The brief and well-prepared quarterly summary accounts now published in the parish bulletin already give a snapshot of the parish's financial journey. However there are a number of broader, long-term issues that the Committee are considering.

One of these is investigating a Parish Thanksgiving Campaign. These are undertaken every few years. They place before the parish the financial situation of the community and ask parishioners – new and old – to consider the needs of the parish and financial support of their parish.

The Committee has now investigated and assessed the pros and cons of two models of a Thanksgiving Campaign. Both are similar in their content and themes.

One is offered by the Archdiocese at no cost to us and is based around a small group of our parishioners enabling the campaign with resources and coaching from the Archdiocese team. The other model is organized and staffed by a paid co-ordinator who provides all resources and does much of the technical work for us.

We have decided to commit ourselves to the Archdiocese model. With this model please note that our challenge will be to attract a small group of our parishioners to help deliver the campaign.

So we will need volunteer support to distribute and collect Census cards at Masses in October, to distribute and collect Pledge cards in March 2025 and volunteers experienced in data handling to help enter the Census and Pledge data into the Archdiocese PACEM data base. By the way there will be no call for volunteers to visit Parishioners in their homes as Thanksgiving Renewal Campaigns were conducted in the past. Please stay tuned and we will call for those volunteers in coming months.

I and the Finance Committee are committed to undertake a Thanksgiving Campaign over the next 12 months as part of a responsible way of overseeing the parish's finances and being able to respond to our needs.

We recognize that these are particularly difficult financial times for everyone, and our parish has to live with that reality. However there are moments on the journey when we have to stop, make an assessment about where we are, renew our vision and commitment and make decisions that help us move into the future faithful to the past. Yes, the finances of the parish have always been a matter of trust and hope.

Fr Denis Stanley

First Eucharist

With great joy we announce that our children from the three primary schools and OSPREY will receive their First Eucharist from this Sunday until 11 August, at the 5.30pm and 10.30am Masses. Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Convocation (12–14 September 2024)

Please join us as we spend time together learning and sharing about how we can all care for creation. We will gather online during Thursday 12 and Friday 13 September to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. On Saturday 14 we encourage participants to attend one of 11 diocesan hubs to transform our learnings into action. If there is not a hub near you, we will continue online together. Attend for 1, 2 or all 3 days! Group discounts available. For more information and to register, visit: www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation (Registrations close Monday 12 August 2024) See flyers on Welcome Desk.

Safeguarding

When I hear people questioning or even complaining about the compliance required for Safeguarding of young people such as Working with Children Checks, Online Training, Policies and Procedures about Reporting or being encouraged to be aware about child safety, my response is simply, **“Do we want our children to be safe?”**. The answer is very simple, **“Yes”**. We start from there, from that spirit and conviction, and then deal with the details that both the Church and the State require and which make real our commitment to the safety of children and not simple a vague good intention.

On our Parish Website (olmcsunbury.com) is a page dedicated to Safeguarding. Once you are on the main page of the Website, the Safeguarding page is one click away.

We have just added to the page new, key updated Policies which guide the Parish Safeguarding Committee's work and informs why we do what we do for everyone to know and act.

Check them out.

Ø Code of Conduct (2023)

Ø Safeguarding and Wellbeing of Children and young People Policy (2023)

Ø Antidiscrimination and Racism Policy (2023)

Ø Reporting Procedure (2023)

Ø Reporting Abuse or Safety related Misconduct: A flowchart of steps to take.

Parish Safeguarding Committee—Elena Rodrigues

A Marriage Encounter weekend is for you...

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. You will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive. No group sharing required. The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome. **Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: Our next weekend is: 4 - 6 October 2024** at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

Knights of the Southern Cross

Next meeting - Friday 2nd August, 10.15am in the Parish Centre. Fostering a Christian way of life.

Altar Servers ... Develop their confidence and leadership appearing in public. Join the team ... enquiries 0417332186

Vocations | Seminary Enquiry

The annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on **Saturday 10 August**. If interested, take a copy of the Seminary Enquiry Day page from the Welcome Desk.

Parish Bingo

Our weekly Parish bingo session "Major Bingo" continues every Thursday at Sunbury Bowling Club eyes down 7.30pm. Enquiries to Gary 0419 301760 or Graeme 0417 503 527

Religious Shop We are taking orders for **“God's Word 2025”** also **“After Suicide there is hope for them and you.** By Fr. Chris Alar”. Or **“30 Day Eucharistic revival,”** books by Fr. Calloway. **Thanks** to all who donated the preloved items to be enjoyed again. Inquiries at shop or Joe on 0477 677 248.

Evergreens Social - Tuesday 30th July 2024 at 12.00noon. All welcome, bring a friend. Call Joe on 0477677248 for info and transport.

MOBILE PHONES – BLESSING OR CURSE?

My relationship with mobile phones is not good. I am very wary of them and only use the phone I do have very rarely and only if I really have too. I could easily do without one. So are they a blessing or curse? Like most human inventions they are a bit of both, so this then calls for wisdom in their use – how do I do the good and avoid the evil?

Most people turn off their phones when they come to the Liturgy although just occasionally we hear a phone going off – the normal ring tone or that rooster crowing tune. Is the only justification for answering your phone during Mass is because it's a call from Pope Francis?

This is a call to be wise with mobile phones during the Liturgy either making or answering calls or “surfing the net”. Of all places the Liturgy is a place for silence, listening, participation and awareness and respect for the Assembly that surrounds you. In the Liturgy we are not strangers. Each has a responsibility to the other, bound as we are together as brothers and sisters, in the Body of Christ.

So be mindful of your mobile phone when you come to the Liturgy – unless it really is Pope Francis giving you a call.

Fr Denis Stanley PP

From the Parish Coordinating Team (PCT)

1.Sunbury winter Shelter—Outreach to marginalised people

If you are interested in building up a team from St Anne's to assist the Sunbury Winter Shelter deliver the Wednesday Winter Warmer lunch from 11.30am-2.00pm at St Andrew's Uniting Church? please contact the Parish Office 9744 1060.

2.Thank You, Karen

You have been a wonderful supporter of the PCT in your time in the Parish Office since we started in 2021. We are sorry to see you go but do wish you every happiness and blessing in your next venture.

3. Youth Group

The PCT is calling for **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST** in assisting Liam Daniels as **volunteer helpers**. The ages of this group of young people would range from 12 to 18. If this opportunity to volunteer sounds like you, please leave your contact details at the Parish Office, 9744 1060.